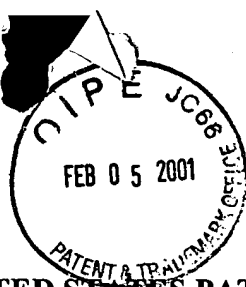


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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the subject divisional application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-39.

Please amend claim 61.

61. (Amended) A method of making and filling packages, comprising:
providing a plastic web and a fastener in a longitudinal direction;
folding the web to provide first and second opposing panels joined along a
longitudinal bottom [fold];

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